

November 15, 2001

TRIBUTE TO TOM J. DONOHO

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2001

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and commend one of Western North Carolina's and Buncombe County's finest citizens, the late Tom J. Donoho, "The big man with the big heart." Tom passed away on November 6, 2001. He was a personal friend of mine for many years, and he will be sorely missed.

Born in Greenville, South Carolina, Tom's family moved to North Carolina where he graduated from Biltmore High School in 1952. As an alumnus of Biltmore High School, saving the school from destruction became a pet project of Tom's in recent years. Last June the WNC Historical Association acquired the deed, and Tom sought my help for \$300,000 for the "Biltmore School Museum," which was provided in the 2002 Interior Appropriation.

After high school, Tom served in the United States Army and twelve years in the National Guard and Reserves. He was a man who loved his country, his community, and his people. Tom supported the East Asheville Youth Program for the past 47 years, giving freely of his time, materials, labor and money to this program, not for recognition but because he loved young people. Together, Tom and his wife Betty founded Asheville Electric forty years ago, building it into a thriving business, of which Tom was President, employing about 35 people.

When the new Reynolds High School was built, it was Tom Donoho who offered to wire the school, and he drove to Kansas to get the famous "Rocket"—an Army surplus "Honest John" rocket—which he helped mount at the entrance to the school and is the school's mascot. Tom provided the lighting for the school's football and baseball stadiums.

Tom took an active part in politics in Asheville and Buncombe County. For many years he contributed to the campaigns of good men and women who ran for public office and stood as a candidate for Asheville City Council in 1989. He was well known for donning an apron and cooking at fundraisers for local candidates.

In addition to being a well-known businessman, Tom served two four-year terms on the Asheville Regional Airport Authority. During that time he served as vice-chairman, chairman of the building and grounds committee, and employee relations committee. He was also a Shriner with the Oasis Temple and a member of the Biltmore Masonic Lodge, Asheville York Rite and the Asheville Scottish Rite.

Tom married Betty Brittain 43 years ago, they reared two children: Susan Donoho Martin of Asheville and Daniel Woron of Florida.

Tom Donoho was a big man with an even bigger heart. WNC and Buncombe County have lost a very good friend and we will miss him. I know that my colleagues will join me in saluting this fine man and community leader.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING NASA ADMINISTRATOR
DANIEL GOLDIN

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2001

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant—the outgoing NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin. In his nine years with the agency, Mr. Goldin has been instrumental in shaping all aspects of NASA's mission for the challenges of the 21st Century. He brought a welcome new management style and instituted reforms for NASA to operate "Faster, Better, and Cheaper." Through these aggressive and innovative management changes, NASA achieved a necessary balance between the aeronautics and space programs. At the same time, Administrator Goldin made the safety of the Space Shuttle and Space Station crews the top priority for our space missions.

Mr. Goldin led the Shuttle Operations transition from an inefficient government bureaucracy to a private contractor, which significantly reduced the cost of human space flight. The cost savings realized in human space flight operations allowed NASA to dedicate additional resources for science research and aerospace technologies. This is a particular interest of mine since Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, has developed preeminent capabilities in aeropropulsion systems, aerospace power and electric propulsion, aerospace communications, and combustion and fluids physics.

As anyone who knows Dan Goldin will tell you, he is not afraid to lead and direct his employees and his agency to higher levels of achievement. He has done so at NASA, and our aeronautics and space programs reflect his drive for innovation. As a Member of the VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, I have enjoyed working with Administrator Goldin over the past nine years, and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2001

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am indeed honored and pleased to serve as Congressional Co-chair for National Bible Week, November 18–25, 2001. As we celebrate another blessed day of remembrance, Thanksgiving, we are to be thankful to be living in a country where the Holy Bible can be read and where we have the freedom to practice what the Bible teaches without fear of repression or punishment, and to worship as we believe.

Our 4th Commandment commands us "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." We attend the church of our choice on that particular day and read from the Bible during service, then unfortunately place it on a shelf until the next attendance. However, daily reading of the Bible should be encouraged. It is a

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wonderful source of comfort, spiritual guidance, uplifting spirits, and the religious history of our existence. From Genesis to Revelations, the Bible covers our moral laws, how to receive salvation and the promise of everlasting life. It is truly our daily bread.

Our great country was established on the teachings of the Bible. The Pilgrims landed on our shores with the Bible in their hands. Our founding fathers were rooted in the Bible. Leaders from our first president to our present legislators quoted verses at speaking events. The Bible contains an answer for every life situation to help us cope and strengthen our resolve. I strongly encourage everyone to read the Bible daily, and to begin during National Bible Week I congratulate the National Bible Association for its role in arousing interest in the Holy Bible.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE STUDENTS OF ROY MOORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the students of Roy Moore Elementary School of Silt, Colorado and thank them for their dedication to helping the children of Afghanistan. The students, led by their student council, have begun efforts to raise money for America's Fund for Afghan Children. They began their effort following President Bush's call to help the Afghan children caught in the current conflict.

The students have been occupied with finding the means to earn dollars and donate money to the fund for some time. Several students have donated allowances, found chores to earn money and contributed from their savings. The school has raised more than \$200.00 for the children in Afghanistan.

The students of Roy Moore Elementary have shown great kindness and compassion by their efforts. More importantly, they have realized that the children in this conflict are not responsible for the attacks on this country and that they too, are victims in this struggle. Their efforts can act as a model for other schools around the country participating in this worthy endeavor.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the students of Roy Moore Elementary School for their efforts to such a noble cause. The students and faculty have brought great credit to themselves for dedicating their resources to those in need. As we all look for a way to help, Roy Moore Elementary deserves the praise and admiration of this body as we commend them for their contributions.